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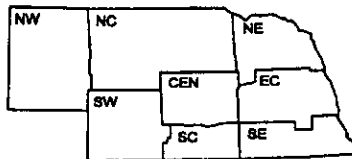
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from six to ten degrees below normals, with record lows recorded in some areas. Precipitation was mostly limited to the eastern half of the State, with amounts often less than .5 inch.

GENERAL

A killing frost last week ended the growing season across the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Light precipitation again "settled the dust", but did little to improve depleted subsoil moisture levels. Fall harvest activities continued active with many producers a week away from completion. In the West, sugar beet harvest was beginning in Panhandle counties, while dry bean and millet combining was near completion.

CROPS

Corn harvest was near two-thirds complete at 66%, compared to 28% last year and 20% average. Many producers in Southeast and East Central areas were near completion, while many in the west and northern areas were just reaching the half-way point. Some standing grain in North Central counties was still at 20% moisture, causing producers to focus on soybeans.

Soybean harvest jumped to 66% complete, compared with 53% last year and 40% average. Moisture levels were often

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well below standard, causing producers to focus on soybeans instead of corn.

Sorghum was 73% harvested. This compared to 17% last year and 14% average.

Wheat seeding neared completion with 94% planted to date, compared with 96% last year and 93% average. The rains of two weeks ago were resulting in improved germination in western areas. Emergence of seeded wheat was at 67%, behind last year at 74% and the average at 71%.

Dry bean harvest was 87% complete and only isolated fields of Proso millet remained to combine.

Alfalfa fourth cutting is nearing completion in many areas. The hard freeze of the past week ended the hopes of an extended fall harvest.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition showed little change and rated 59% very poor, 25% poor, 13% fair, and 3% good. Pastures continue to provide little or no forage in most areas. Producers were taking advantage of harvested stalk fields as soon as they were harvested to provide feed. Some producers were baling soybean and corn stover for winter feed. Producers in the Southwest were looking to buy feed for the winter.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 8, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	PERCENT											
% Corn Harvested	19	49	63	62	79	44	65	90	66	52	28	20
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	80	52	68	75	52	75	60	66	40	53	40
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	60	70	88	72	42	55	82	73	64	17	14
% Wheat Seeded	95	95	90	93	77	95	97	80	94	81	96	93
% Wheat Emerged	74	70	45	16	6	69	63	34	67	42	74	71
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2000												
Days Suitable	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.4	6.7	6.4	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.9	
Topsoil Moisture												
- Very short	19	33	63	70	49	44	54	68	50	59	21	
- Short	34	54	20	25	46	33	34	32	35	29	40	
- Adequate	46	13	17	5	5	23	12	0	15	12	38	
- Surplus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Subsoil Moisture-												
- Very Short	43	77	94	70	81	89	78	97	78	81	12	
- Short	35	23	6	24	17	11	22	3	18	16	35	
- Adequate	22	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	4	3	53	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

n/a = not available.

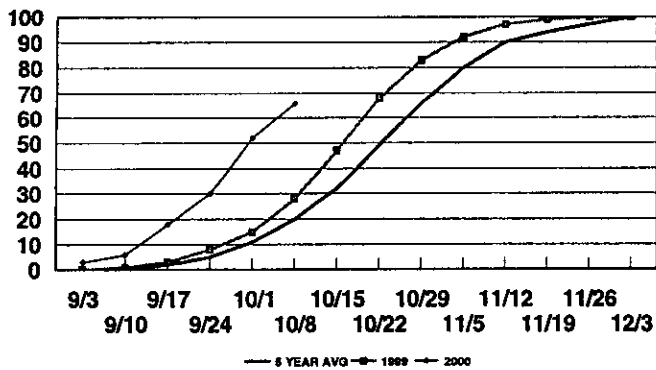
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HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

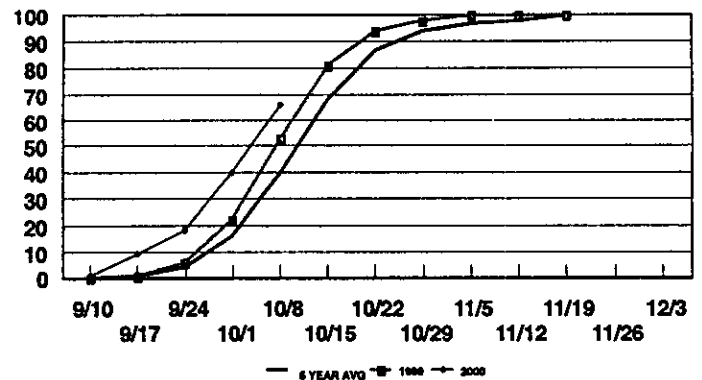
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PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SOYBEANS
HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES

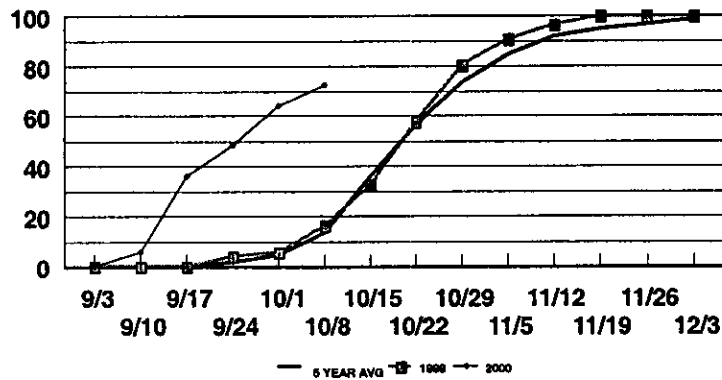
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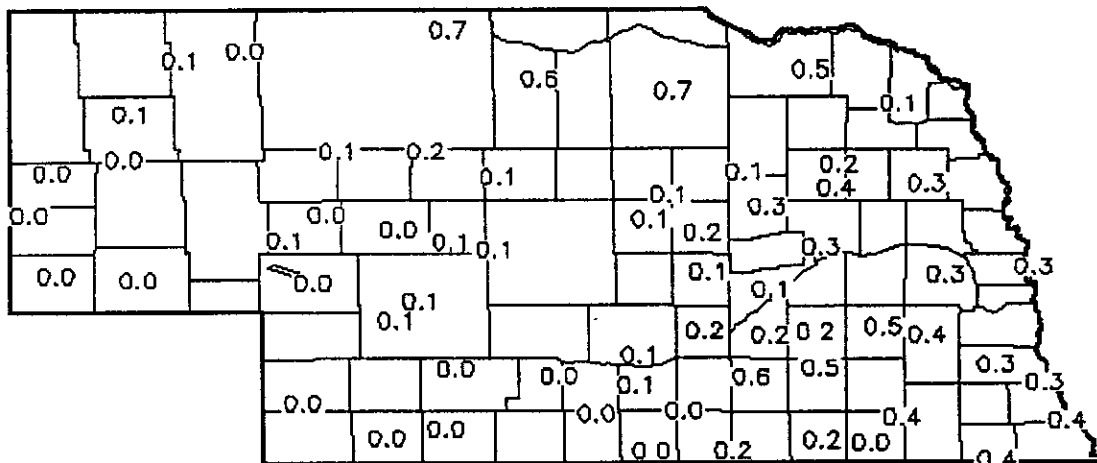
SORGHUM
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

% HARVESTED



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2000



Source: High Plains Climate Center

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2000

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	80	16	44	—	.18
	Scottsbluff	83	20	47	-8	.04
	Sidney	81	25	47	—	T
NC	Valentine	78	15	44	-10	.60
NE	Norfolk	90	20	49	-8	.21
	Sioux City	89	23	48	-9	.24
CEN	Grand Island	89	20	50	-7	.18
	Ord	84	19	48	—	.15
EC	Lincoln	92	20	52	-7	.41
	Omaha	91	26	52	-6	.47
SW	Imperial	87	26	51	—	.03
	North Platte	82	20	48	-6	.16

Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office, Valley, NE